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SUBJECT: CEP: INSTRUCTIONS FOR US REP TO JAN 19-20, 1978

MEETING OF SENIOR CEP CMTE (SCEPC)

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- A) STATE 146724, 232143 JUN 77 (NOTAL)
- B) STATE 290134, 060104 DEC 77 (NOTAL)
- C) USNATO 12626, 141144 DEC 77 (NOTAL)
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US REPRESENTATIVES TO SCEPC MEETING AT NATO HQ JANUARY 19
AND 20 SHOULD BE GUIDED BY FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

ITEM I: DECISION SHEETS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

US REP SHOULD APPROVE DECISION SHEETS FOR PERMANENT
MEETINGS OF SEPTEMBER 27 AND 30 AND FOR NOVEMBER 11, 1977

ITEM II: ANY MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE DECEMBER 1977
PLENARY SESSION.

US REP SHOULD MAINTAIN POSITIONS SET FORTH IN STATE 290134,

060104 DEC 77 AND TAKEN BY U.S. PLENARY DELEGATE ON
13 DECEMBER, AND SHOULD

EXPRESS CONCERN THAT SCEPC WAS NOT AFFORDED OPPORTUNITY
TO REVIEW DRAFT DECISION SHEET PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT
OF DECEMBER SESSION.

ITEM III: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE AGENCY FOR THE
CO-ORDINATION OF INLAND SURFACE TRANSPORT IN THE
MEDITERRANEAN (ACTIMED).

US REP SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT, IN PRINCIPLE, COORDINATION
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OF SEA AND LAND TRANSPORTATION FOR CRISIS AND WARTIME
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA IS ESSENTIAL, AND THAT, IN
ACCOMPLISHING THIS FUNCTION, THE COORDINATION OF COASTERS
IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD
NOT TAKE THE LEAD IN THIS MATTER WHICH INVOLVES THE
DISPUTE BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. WHILE THE
CURRENTLY APPROVED SCEPC/PBOS/PBEIST POLICY REMAINS
ACCEPTABLE, IF A CONSENSUS WERE TO DEVELOP AT THE JANUARY
1978 SESSION FOR TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) CHANGES
FOR ACTIMED AND DEFENSE SHIPPING AUTHORITY (DSA),
US REP MAY ACCEPT THE MAJORITY OPINION ON THIS ISSUE.
CONSIDERING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE AND THE NORMAL
LACK OF LATITUDE GIVEN TO MOST NATIONAL CEP REPS IN
BRUSSELS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE SUGGESTION OF THE
ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE THAT AN AD HOC GROUP BE SET
UP TO CONSIDER THE MATTER IS THE BEST APPROACH. THIS
SHOULD ALLOW FOR PLANNING BOARD OF OCEAN SHIPPING
(PBOS) AND PLANNING BOARD FOR EUROPEAN INLAND SURFACE,
TRANSPORT (PBEIST), AS WELL AS FOREIGN POLICY, INPUT.

ITEM IV: CIVIL ALERT MEASURES FOR AGENCY FOR COORDINATION
OF INLAND SURFACE IN MEDITERRANEAN (ACTIMED).

AS REGARDS THE AMENDMENT OF THE COMPLEMENTARY CIVIL ACTIVITIES (CCAS) CONCERNING ACTIMED TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO PORTS AND EMERGENCY PORTS AND EMERGENCY PORT OPERATIONS, U.S. REP SHOULD DRAW ATTENTION TO AMENDMENTS OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1977. IF THESE ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO TURKISH AUTHORITIES, US REP MAY ACCEPT PROPOSED TURKISH AMENDMENTS OR SIMILAR COMPROMISE LANGUAGE DEVELOPED BY SCEPC.

ITEM V: NATIONAL RESPONSES TO THE CCPC REPORTS ON THE CONTINUED USE OF INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN CRISIS AND WAR.

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US REP SHOULD CONTINUE TO ABSTAIN ON THIS MATTER. THE NATURE OF US INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE IN THAT OURS ARE PRIVATELY, RATHER THAN PUBLICLY, OWNED. CONSEQUENTLY, THE US AWAITS THE RESULTS OF NATIONAL STUDIES AND CONSULTATIONS BY THE EUROPEAN MEMBER NATIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ANY IN-DEPTH STUDY.

ITEM VI: ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCEPC PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISE HILEX-8.

US REP SHOULD NOTE REPORT TO BE MADE BY IS.

ITEM VII: GENERAL ISSUES RAISED BY NCWA DESIGNEES IN TRAINING SESSIONS.

US REP SHOULD ADHERE TO GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT PROVIDED IN REFS A AND F.

ITEM VII: WINTEX-CIMEX-79

US REP SHOULD ACCEPT DATES PROPOSED IN AC/98-N/263 FOR EXERCISE PLAY OF CIVIL SEALIFT AND AIRLIFT GROUPS AND LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS GROUPS.

ITEM IX: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF SENIOR NATO MILITARY LOGISTICIANS

US REP SHOULD SUPPORT INVITATION TO NATIONAL CEP AUTHORITIES THAT THEY ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO CIVIL ROLES IN SUPPORTING MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN THEIR LONG-TERM DEFENSE INITIATIVE PROGRAMS CONCERNING CONFIDENTIAL

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REPLENISHMENT AT SEA, LEAD-TIMES FOR RESUPPLY AND
CIVIL PARTICIPATION IN LOGISTICS EXERCISES.

ITEM X: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

SHOULD ANY UNEXPECTED ISSUES ARISE, US REP SHOULD
DEVELOP POSITIONS WITHIN CURRENT GUIDELINES.

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